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Re: **Proposed Amendments to 09/481,572**
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INFORMAL COMMUNICATION

Dear Examiner Meller:

Further to our telephone call of November 19, 2001, please find below a list of our proposed amendments to the case. We believe that these amendments should overcome most, if not all of your concerns regarding the present application. We look forward to speaking with you next week.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call us.

Very truly yours,

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

112, 2nd paragraph, rejection of Claim 3: We propose deleting the term "brain aging."

103(a) rejection of Claims 1-17 & 22: We propose amending the claims to recite "consisting essentially of" rather than "comprising."

Finally, we would like to discuss the 102(b) rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-17, and 22.